

LIENVOY

Telephone tap operation against the Soviet Embassy.

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[Joint] operations include travel control, telephone tapping, and repressive action.

President of Mexico

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LITEMPO

Support program to the various Mexican civilian security forces for the purpose of intelligence exchange, [joint ²⁴ operations, and constant upgrading of Mexican internal intelligence and public security functions.]

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Travel-control operation - photographs of travel documents are obtained along with data on arrivals and departures.

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The joint operation for telephone tapping [is effected in cooperation with the Mexican authorities and] has a capacity for about forty lines. The station provides the equipment, the technical assistance, couriers, and transcribers, while [the Mexicans make the connections in the exchanges and maintain the listening posts.] In addition to monitoring the lines of the communist diplomatic missions and those of Mexican revolutionary groups, LIENVOY also covers special cases.

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The station also has [] telephone-tapping operation which is limited to special cases.

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[] Connections for this operation [] who 24 are made [] work as station agents, as in the case of the bugging of the Cuban embassy (LISAMPAN).

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SUBJECT: Project LIEMPTY/Progress Report

1 November 1964-31 January 1965

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Reference: HMMA-24729, dated 13 November 1964

1. REPORTING AND BACKGROUND.

The last regularly scheduled LIEMPTY Progress Report covering the period 1 August through 31 October 1964 was forwarded to Headquarters as Reference. During the period under review, the LIEMPTY Project continued to collect operational information on the LIMERICK installation, the LIMERICK personnel and their visitors, as well as various targets of opportunity, through the daily photographic coverage provided by the LIMITED, LILYRIC, and LICALLA photo basehouses and the frequent use of the LIENTRAP mobile photographic unit. In addition, this project provided other essential operational support to the Station's activities through the use of the services of long-time contract agents Raymond H. GERENDE and Oliver G. SCANTLING.

2. AGENT CONTACT AND PROJECT COMMUNICATIONS.

During the reporting period, the primary LIEMPTY principal agent, Raymond H. GERENDE was seen thirty-nine (39) times in regular operational meetings by the undersigned, while principal agent Oliver G. SCANTLING was seen separately on twenty-six (26) occasions. Other than frequent, intentional variations in meeting times and sites, no changes were made in the LIEMPTY Project communication systems. All operational contact with the action/sub-agents of the LIEMPTY Project, was maintained through Raymond H. GERENDE.

3. ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PROGRESS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS.

Throughout the reporting period, Project LIEMPTY continued to produce the majority of the operational photographs used in Station Mexico City's KUDESK operations against the LIMERICK target. This coverage has proved to be a reliable tool for following the daily activities of LIMERICK personnel; providing identities of LIMERICK staffers and their visitors; and verifying the relative rank and positions as well as the intelligence service connection of LIMERICK officers. Specific examples of the contributions of each LIEMPTY Project component follow:

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a) Raymond H. GERENDE - Throughout this period, Raymond H. GERENDE continued as the Station's full-time cutout to the LIMITED, LICALLA, and LILYRIC basehouses as well as maintaining the cutout responsibility to the LIENTRAP mobile photo unit and the LIEMPTY photographic-processing basehouse. GERENDE again made numerous and essential contributions to the sensitive AMROD operation as well as servicing numerous postal accommodation addressees.

b) Oliver G. SCANTLING - SCANTLING during the reference period, continued to make his regular contribution to Station activities as the alternate contact of LICASA-1 in this sensitive LAURICLE operation. In addition, SCANTLING provided detailed casing reports on the Indonesian Embassy and the home of AMRIFT-1; performed pretext investigations in an effort to determine the residence of a key LIMERICK staffer; and successfully recruited the subject of MEXI-2315 (dated 19 January 1965) which enabled the Station to achieve a major technical penetration of the PBRUMEN Embassy in Mexico City (see also MEXI-2235 dated 20 January 1965, for additional details). SCANTLING's extremely professional performance in this recruitment and the subsequent ticklish agent-handling of the subject is to be commended.

c) LIMITED

1) As noted in paragraph 2, Section b of Reference, the LIMITED photographic, surveillance, and radio dispatching activities were suspended in late September 1964 due to the release of LIMITED photographs in the Warren Commission's overt report. The Station subsequently acquired an apartment in the immediate vicinity of the LIMERICK installation and moved the LIMITED basehouse keepers, LIEMPTY-6 and LIEMPTY-7, into this temporary location. All LIMITED operational activities were then re-initiated from the new basehouse in early January 1965 and during that month LIMITED produced 18 rolls of 35 mm operational film, provided regular physical surveillance reports, and served as the fixed radio dispatch base for one LIEMBRACE surveillance operation.

2) During the interim period and as a result of separate correspondence with Headquarters, the former LIMITED basehouse and property was sold to LIMOSINE, who as per formal agreement with the Station, demolished the old structure and will begin construction of a new edifice in the immediate future. Included in this formal agreement with LIMOSINE is the proviso that one floor of the new building will be reserved for the Station's use. Upon completion of the new structure, the LIMITED personnel and operational activity will be transferred from the temporary apartment basehouse to the new, more ideally located LIMOSINE building.

d) LILYRIC - Throughout the period under review, the LILYRIC installation continued to provide photographic and fixed visual surveillance of the front of the LIMERICK installation. LILYRIC provided 63 rolls of operational photographs during this period which were of definite value to the Station's KUDESK operations against the LIMERICK target. LILYRIC made specific contributions to the Station's LIOYSTER-1 operation, as noted in MEXI-1473 of 4 November 1964.

e) LICALLA - During the period under review, the LICALLA installation provided coverage of the back of the LIMERICK installation, the garden, and patio area where many of the personnel congregate. LICALLA provided 60 rolls of 35mm still photographs as well as 600 feet of 16mm motion picture test film. Station reinitiated this motion picture program to obtain further exemplars of LIMERICK personnel engaged in conversation, for possible lip-reading exploitation. (For additional details, see HMMA-25155, dated 13 January 1965 and HMMA-25275 dated 28 January 1965.)

f) LIENTRAP - Throughout the reporting period, the LIENTRAP mobile photographic unit was targeted extensively against members and installations

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of the Partido Comunista Mexicano and visiting communist leaders. Much of this coverage, 25 rolls of 35mm film, was in support of planned recruitment attempts and the LIENTRAP "take" was of considerable value in providing identifications, locations, and contacts of various targets. LIENTRAP "take" provided the positive identification and location of the subject of HMMA-25183, dated 18 January 1965, and thus enabled a visiting case officer to make the recruitment attempt of this individual.

4. SECURITY AND PROBLEMS.

a) During the period under review, there have been no known incidents which adversely effected the security of Project LIEMPTY. However, as a precautionary measure, the LIENTRAP photographic unit was repainted (a basic color change) in January 1965. It is believed that this action will increase the security of the LIENTRAP unit and allow it to again operate in various areas where it had been used extensively in the past.

b) There have been no major operational, personnel, or administrative problems in this Project during the reporting period.

5. PLANS.

a) During the past project year, many of the operational assignments, levied on Oliver G. SCANTLING, while within the realm of the Station's RMD, have fallen outside the scope of Project LIEMPTY. Consequently, a new Project Outline is being prepared at the Station to cover the relationship with, and the present and anticipated operational activities of SCANTLING.

b) Anticipated changes in the LIMITED installation/activities were outlined in paragraph 2, Section c above. Other than noted above, there are no basic operational or administrative changes contemplated for Project LIEMPTY.

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